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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos.

Part B for September 18

SUBJECT.

A. memorandum on Indian silk production prepared by the Advisory Committee on silk production of the Imperial Institute

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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File No. 607-17

FILE HEADING.

Silk Production in India

From

The First Asst Resident

No. 8867 Dated 21-11-17 Received 22-11-17

Diary No. 2722	Enclos. 2	Spare Copies. —	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for such action as may be considered necessary a memorandum on Indian Silk Production prepared by the Advisory Committee on Silk Production of the Imperial Institute.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Points requiring consideration are given at page 3 of the memorandum

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Transferred to the Confi office as directed by the Secy. O.

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3) Is silk of the Madagascar worm now produced

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in the state? Please put up any statistics we have.

(c) Have we any arrangements for marketing our silk in London?

(5) Put up also any statistics available as to the quantity of silk waste that can be put on the market by producers in the state.

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6) Two drafts, one to the Residency & the other to the Supdt. of Sericulture, put up for approval.

Secy) M.S.R. 27.11.17

Issue draft to Supdt. of Ser
Mcc 28/11

7 The silk from the Madagascar worm was exhibited at the time of the Conference & the results were not superior to those yielded by the local worm. Moreover it is impossible without State compulsion to induce our rearers at once to rear this worm.

~~Drafts may be issued for~~

8) The draft reply to the Residency is subd for appl

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Secretariat.

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9 Draft appd. As they seem to attach so much importance to the silk from pure indigenous worms, Can't we continue our experiments with the new worms for some time longer & see the results before advising the ryots to take them up? Of course, no one wants a foreign breed to supplant our own breed if it can be helped. We must do everything possible to improve our own silk so that we may not lose the opportunity of capturing the foreign market. If we lag behind, there are other countries like Japan to ~~to~~ step in at once & keep us out for ever.

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10) Issue & resolution with a draft to the Secy Ec Conference.

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11 Please put up draft as ordered above

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12 Draft subd

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4	To The Secy Eco: Confce No. 5735 d 17.12.17 Forwards copies of the above
5	To The Supdt of Sericulture No. 6803 d 5.1.18. Forwards copies for information
6	From The H. A. Resident No. 2214 d 23.3.18 States that the India Office have been informed of the views of the Durbar in regard to the Madagascar worm & that they have been asked ~~that the Advisory Committee may~~ to request the Advisory Committee to further consider the question of introducing the Madagascar race of silk worm into Madras & Mysore in the light of Mr Lefroy's remarks.
	17 Subd 2k 26 3/18

Mr Lefr. is Sericult's Note.

18) Please get it & put it up
Mw 28/3/18

On personally submitting the file to the Secy, he was pleased to say that the reports might be got back from Mr N. Ramarao.
Draft D.O. put up.
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General and Revenue Secretariat.	A&E File No. 107 of 1917

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7.	D.O. no. 9989 d. 8.4.18 to the Supdt. of Seri. requesting him to return Mr. Lefroy's report on Sericulture
8.	Memo. No. 5805 d. 17/20th August 18 forwarding a copy of the under mentioned papers: (1) Letter No. R&S. 1840/18 d. 28.5.18 from the Secy. Rev. & Statistics Dept. India Office (2) Letter No. 214-C d. 7.2.18 from the Secy. to the Govt. of India Rev. & Agrl. Dept. to the Secy. Rev & Statistics Dept. India Office

21) Submitted for perusal

BhK 26/8/18

Copies of the papers may be sent to Supdt of Sericulture for ~~recon~~ information & record in his office.

22) Capt. Maxwell Lefroy's report which was sent to the Supdt long ago has ~~neither~~ not been returned by him in spite of a number of reminders sent to him

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Secy 27/8/18

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(Vide the Red file)

13) Secretary's remarks on the copy of letter from the Residency on the subjects submitted to H.H. by the Dewan & returned after perusal by H.H.:—

(i). Action has already been taken. Has a copy of the communication to the Residency been sent to the Supdt. Sericulture" 21/12

15) A copy was sent only to the Secy. Sc. Conference. Draft forwarding a copy now to the Supdt. is put.

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16) Done
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To The First Asst. Resident
no. Pol 531 d/ 8.12.17

States that the experiments conducted in Mysore with the Madagascar worm have not proved successful & that neither the yield nor the quality of the silk has been superior to that of the Mysore worm & that the Durbar will be glad to meet the demand for silk cocoons from the Madagascar species, should the demand be suff

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23 The Advisory Committee on Silk Production has apparently acquiesced in our opinion that there is no use in carrying on experiments with the Madagascar worm in the State. No further action is required. A copy may be sent to the Supdt Sericulture

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25) Draft put up for appl.

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26) Done

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9. No 2279 Dt 7-9-18 to the Supdt of Seri Forwards copies of (1) letter No R&S. 1860/18 Dt 28-5-18 from the Secy Rev & Statistical Deptt India Office and (2) Letter No 214-C Dt 7-2-18 from the Secy. to the Govt of India in the Deptt of Rev. & Statistics

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FROM

MAJOR E. H. S. JAMES,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Department of Education and Agriculture.

Dated Bangalore, 21st Nov 1917

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for information, and such action as may be considered necessary, a copy of letter No. 3912, dated the 17th August 1917, with enclosure, from the Chairman, Advisory Committee on Silk production, to the Under Secretary of State for India.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

E. H. S. James

First Assistant Resident.

Imperial Institute.
South Kensington, London, S.W.,
Advisory Committee on Silk, Production.

Memorandum on Indian Silk Production.

The Advisory Committee on Silk production of the Imperial Institute has recently discussed the possibility of the Indian Silk Industry taking a more important part in meeting the requirements of the United Kingdom in silk raw materials.

The supply of certain qualities of raw silk and silk waste has been interrupted by the War, with a consequent high rise in price which it is considered is likely to be maintained for some time. The present therefore affords a most favourable opportunity for an increased production in India of silk raw materials of a quality suited to the market requirements of the United Kingdom; and for establishing such conditions as may contribute to render this country less dependent on Foreign supplies of these materials, after the war. The Committee is satisfied that the whole of any probable outturn of approved Indian Silk would be absorbed by this and other countries at a price most favouable to the Indian producer.

The committee desires to submit the following suggestions for the favourable consideration of the Government of India.

1. The production of the high quality silk produced in Kashmir and Patiala should be increased; and if possible silk of this standard introduced into Bengal, Madras and Mysore. In the latter areas, the extensive cultivation of the Madagascar worm, or a similar multivoltine race, would afford the quickest means of attaining the results desired. Such action need not interfere with the present industry in Bengal and Mysore silks, and would result in increased profits to the Indian producer. Further the increased returns obtained may induce many rearers who have abandoned silk production on account of low prices to return to the industry.

The Committee therefore recommends that immediate consideration should be given by the Government of India to this question,

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obtainable in bulk instead of small irregular parcels.
The Committee suggests that in view of the possibility of increasing the outturn of Eri Silk in Assam, and the assured market for the product, steps shouls be taken to make the present prices widely known in the producing areas of Assam.

Summary.

The Committee is of opinion that the present situation in the silk trade offers prospects of an increased demand in this country for Indian Silk raw materials and considers that advantage should be taken of the situation before foreign countries do so. The Committee therefore urges that action in regard to the following measure should be taken in India in time to be effective during the approaching cold weather.

(a) Increased production in Kashmir and Patiala of the high quality silk now grown in those countries.

(b) Extensive cultivation of a multivoltine worm (preferably the Madagascar race) in Bengal, Mysore and Madras.

All produce of this race to be reeled separately from that of other varieties, and marketed in this country.

(c) Reeling of all raw silk exported to be of the highest standard.

(d) Improvement in the preparation of Indian waste silk.

(e) Increased production of Eri Silk in Assam.

Further recommendations of the Committee are postponed until the Committee has been able to study Professor Lefroy's report on the Indian Silk Industry, and has received information as to the action likely to be taken thereon by the Government of India.

Sd/- Frank Warner,
Chairman.

August, 1917.

"COPY".

Registrar, Resident's Office.

Imperial Institute,
South Kensington,
London, S. W.,
17th August 1917.

Advisory Committee on Silk Production.

Sir,

On behalf of the Advisory Committee on Silk Production of the Imperial Institute, I beg to submit, for the consideration of the Secretary of State, the attached Memorandum regarding Indian Silk which has been prepared by the Committee.

The Committee attaches great importance to the subject in -- question, and desires to express the hope that its suggestions will receive favourable consideration.

The following are the members of the Committee on Silk Production:-

Frank Warner Esq., (Messrs Warner and Sons), Chairman, Nominated by the Silk Association of Great Britain and Ireland incorporated.

Sir Henry Birchenough, K. C. M. G.,
Professor W. R. Dunston, C,M.G. F. R. S.,
Francis F. Durant, Esq., (Messrs Durant, Bevan and Co.,).
Wm. Frost, Esq., (Messrs Wm.Frost and Sons).
J. Sugden smith, Esq., (Messrs John Hind and Co., Ltd.)
Richard Snow, Esq., (Messrs Windley and Co.)
A. J. Solly, Esq., (Messrs Reade and Co., Ltd.,).
Wm. Watson, Esq., (Messrs Lister and Co., Ltd.,).
Professor Maxwell Lefroy, Imperial College of Science and Technology
Wm. Stokes, Esq., (Messrs Lewis Balfour and Co.,).
Dr. S. E, Chandler, Acting Secretary.

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I am, etc.,
Sd/- Frank Warner,
Chairman of the Committee.

The Under Secy. of State,
India Office, S. W. I.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

No. Pd. 531 Bangalore, Dated [illegible] December 1917

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From

P. G. D'Souza Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Departments of Education and Agriculture.

To

Major E. H. S. James,
First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks your letter No.8867 dated the 21st November 1917 forwarding for the information of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja and for necessary action copy of a letter from the Chairman, Advisory Committee on Silk Production to the Under Secretary of State for India regarding the measures to be adopted for increasing production of silk raw materials in India and improving their quality.

2. The Advisory Committee has suggested that the Madagascar worm or a similar multivoltine race should be introduced and largely cultivated in Mysore both because the silk thereby produced is largely in demand at home and that its cultivation will afford the greatest means of attaining the results desired. But local experiments conducted with the Madagascar worm by Signor Washington Mari have not proved successful and neither the yield nor the quality of the silk has been superior to that of the Mysore worm which Mr. Lefroy considered to be the best species of silk worm in India. But should the demand for silk cocoons from the Madagascar species

so that if possible some action may be taken during the coming cold season.

2. If action is taken to increase the cultivation of the Madagascar race in Bengal, Madras and Mysore during the coming winter, the whole crop of cocoons produced should be carefully and separately reeled and the raw silk marketed in this country. The Committee suggests that this should be done through the Bengal Silk Committee and the Madras Agricultural Department respectively. Similar action should be suggested to the Government of Mysore.

3. The Committee wishes to point out that the present high cost and scarcity of labour in England has stimulated the use of the higher qualities of silk, since these qualities work better and save labour.

It is therefore most desirable that all raw silks exported from India should be reeled to the highest standard possible. Silk of inferior quality should be re-reeled before export.

4. **Waste Silk.** (Chassum). There is a large field in this country for waste silk of good quality. Present prices for this silk are now very high, and likely to be maintained for some years. The Committee considers that the market for Indian Waste Silk in this country could be greatly extended if the material were properly cleaned. Hitherto, the great obstacle, to the use of Indian Waste Silk has been its contamination with wool, cotton and other vegatable fibres, and with clay derived from the impure water used in washing and reeling. This shouls be remedied.

5. **Eri Silk.** In consequence of the present high prices of cotton linen, wool and other textile fibres, the use of spun silk is increasing. Certain grades of cotton are valued at a higher price than Eri cocoons, and while these cocoons cannot replace cotton the high~~er~~ price of the latter leads to enhanced values and increased use of the former. The Committee is agreed that there would be a much larger use of Eri cocoons in this country if supplies for export were increased and maintained; and if the product were

obtainable

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be sufficient, the Durbar will be glad to endeavour to popularize the species in new areas and meet the demand.

3. The Government of His Highness the Maharaja ~~however~~ are now endeavouring ~~their best~~ to increase the output of silk in the State. At present there is more than ample local demand for the entire quantity of silk produced in the State but as the Government have undertaken extensive developments ~~they~~ it may be [illegible] possible to arrange to ~~produce~~ supply silk for outside markets also by proper arrangements

4. If the Advisory Committee will therefore be so good as to send samples of silk for which there is a large demand at the present time and intimate the probable quantity that may be required, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja would be glad to take all necessary measures to meet the requirements of merchants in England and to make special arrangements to have the silk re-reeled if necessary before being sent out. I am to state also that, if required, samples of silk at present produced in Mysore and re-reeled will be forwarded.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to Government,
Departments of Education and Agriculture.

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No. 5132/ AiEc. 107-17.-2

Immediate

Dear Mr Rama Rao,

I am desired to forward herewith for your information copy of the report of the Advisory Committee on Silk Production in India & to request you to so far as to submit a comprehensive note on the means to be adopted for increasing the quantity of silk ~~at present~~ produced in the State in the immediate future.

I am to add that urgent action is called for if we are to take advantage of the present favourable situation ~~to~~ develop production & trade in silk.

Yours sincerely

27.11.17. 27/

In the current year I would also study Mr. Lefroy's suggestion. A copy of his report is ~~sent herewith~~ available with me

N. Rama Rao Esq BA BL
Supdt of Sericulture

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SUBJECT..

Diary No. of letter replied to 2722

Section A&E.
File No. 67-17
Serial No. 4

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
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No. 5735/Ecc 3

Date of issue 17-12-17.

Signed by Mr. M. V. Iyengar

To

The Secy, Eco Conference

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for information copies of the marginally noted correspondence regarding the measures to be adopted for increasing the production of silk raw materials in the State.

I have &c

for Secy &c

MW
11/12/17

(1) Residency letter no 8867 d 21.11.17 with its enclosures

(2) This office reply letter no Pol 5318 d 8.12.17

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R. O. 2.—R. P. B.—2-1918.—500.

No. 2214.

FROM

MAJOR E. H. S. JAMES,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

TO

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Departments of Education and Agriculture.

Dated Bangalore, 23rd March 1918

SIR,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.Pol 531, dated the 8th December 1917, regarding measures to be adopted for increasing the output of silk in the Mysore State.

2. The Government of India say that the India Office have been informed that the Advisory Committee of the Imperial Institute on Silk Production recommend that the Madagascar worm or a similar multivoltine race should be extensively cultivated in Madras and Mysore, and that this recommendation, presumably has the support of Mr. Maxwell Lefroy who is a member of the Committee. Mr. Lefroy, however, in Chapter III of his report on the silk industry in India, laid considerable stress on the desirability of concentrating efforts in Mysore and Madras on improving the Mysore race of silk worms and stated

stated that no attempt should be made to replace it by any other race until the most exhaustive examination had been made. The India Office have also been informed by the Government of India that local experiments conducted in the Mysore State with the Madagascar worm have not proved successful and that neither in yield nor in quantity has the silk been found superior to that of the Mysore worm, and they have been asked that, if there is no objection, the Advisory Committee of the Imperial Institute may be requested to give further consideration to the question of the advisability of introducing the Madagascar race of silk worm into Madras and Mysore in the light of remarks made by Mr. Leproy in chapter III of his report.

3. I am accordingly to inform you that the Durbar's offer to introduce the Madagascar species has not been communicated to the India Office, pending further consideration of the advisability of such action.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

First Assistant Resident.

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Section A&E.
File No. 107-17.
Serial No. 5

No. 6303/Ec

To

The Superintendent of
Sericulture [illegible]

Sir,

In continuation of D.O. letter No 5132/A&E 107-17 of 29/11/17 regarding silk production I am directed to forward herewith for your information Copy of letter No. A.A. 587 of 8th December 1917 ~~addressed~~ issued to the Residency in the same matter. ~~regarding the measures to be adopted for increasing the production of silk raw materials & in improving their quality.~~

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D. O. No. 9989/ Adl. 107-17-7
8-4-1918.

Dear ~~Mr~~ Rama Rao,

~~It is learnt that Mr Lefroy's Reports on the development of Sericultural Industry have been lent~~ to ~~you & I shall feel obliged~~ I am desired to request you to ~~if you will~~ kindly return Mr Lefroy's reports on sericulture lent to you sometime ~~them~~ ago, as they are required for reference in this office

Yours sincerely
MO
4/4

To
N. Rama Rao Esq.
Supdt. of Sericulture.

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No. 5805

On 4 pages

Mysore Resident's Office,

Bangalore. 17th August 1918

20th

A copy of the undermentioned papers is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Departments of Education and Agriculture, in continuation of letter from this Residency No. 2214, dated the 23rd March 1918.

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W. Richards Capt.

P.A.

for ~~First~~ Assistant Resident.

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1. Letter No. R & S. 1840/18 dated the 28th May 1918 from the Secretary, Revenue and Statistics Department, India Office with enclosures.

2. Letter No. 214-C dated the 7th February 1918 from the Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Revenue and Agriculture, to the Secretary, Revenue and Statistics Department, India Office.

Letter No. R. &. S. 1840/18 dated, the 28th May 1918, from the Secretary, Revenue and Statistics Department, India Office, London to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agriculture Department.

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With reference to your letter 214-C dated 7th February 1918 I forward, for information, a copy of the papers noted in the margin on the subject of the memorandum on silk production.

To Chairman, Advisory Committee on Silk Production dated 9th April 1918.

From---do---do--- dated 21st May 1918.

R. &. S. 1048.

India Office,
London, S. W. 1.
9th April 1918.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 17th August 1917 with which you forwarded a Memorandum regarding Indian Silk which had been prepared by the Committee, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to transmit herewith copy of a letter No. 214-C dated 7th February 1918 received from the Government of India, and he will be glad to receive any observations the Committee may desire to offer.

I am, etc.,
Sd. L.J.Kersha,

The Chairman,
Advisory Committee on Silk Production,
Imperial Institute.

P.T.O.

Imperial Institute,
London, S.W.7.
21st May 1918.

Advisory Committee on Silk Production.

Sir,

With further reference to your letter No. R.&.S. 1048 dated 9th April 1918, I have to state that the questions raised by the Government of India in regard to the Memorandum on Indian Silk Production have now been carefully considered by this Committee.

2. The Committee desire to state that at the time of the despatch of the Memorandum to the India Office they had not received a copy of Professor Lefroy's report, and therefore were unaware of Professor Lefroy's views on this matter as recorded in his report, The Memorandum, however, was prepared at the suggestion, and with the technical advice of Professor Lefroy a member of the Committee.

3. The Committee have now read the report, and the criticisms of the Government of India appear to be justified. Professor Lefroy is at present abroad on Government business. It is possible that between the time of writing his report, and his recommendations to the Committee Professor Lefroy may have modified his opinion regarding the Madagascar worm, but on this point the Committee have at present no information. They propose to refer the question to Professor Lefroy for his observations, and on receipt of his reply a further communication will be addressed to you.

I am, etc.,
Sd. Frank Warner,
Chairman,
Advisory Committee on Silk Production.

The Under Secretaty of State for India,
Revenue Department, India Office, S.W.1.

No. 214-C.

From

The Secretary to the Government of India in the
Department of Revenue and Agriculture,

To,

The Secretary,
Revenue and Statistics Department,
India Office, LONDON.

Dated Delhi, the 7th February 1918.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the India Office letter No. 2563 R.&.S., dated the 29th August 1917 with which was forwarded a memorandum on Indian Silk Production drawn up by the Advisory Committee of the Imperial Institute on Silk Production. The Committee recommend that the Madagascar worm or a similar multivoltine race, should be extensively cultivated in Madras and Mysore and this recommendation, presumably, has the support of Mr. Maxwell Lefroy, who is a member of the Committee. Mr. Lefroy, however, in chapter III of his report on the silk industry in India, laid considerable stress on the desirability of concentrating efforts in Mysore and Madras on improving the Mysore race of silk worms, and stated that no attempt should be made to replace it by any other race until the most exhaustive examination had been made. Moreover, the suggestion of the Committee appears to be impracticable in the Madras Presidency as the Silk industry at Kollegal depends on the cultivation of bush mulberry as a field crop, while the Madagascar worms need tree mulberry. It would be difficult to persuade the ryots to plant the latter on the chance that the leaves might be in demand for a foreign race of silk worms many years later. In the circumstances, the Government of Madras hesitate to act on the advice of the Committee.

P.T.O.

2. The Mysore Durbar also report~~s~~ that local experiments conducted with the Madagascar worm have not proved successful and that neither in yeild nor in quality has the silk been found superior to that of the Mysore worm.

3. I am accordingly to request that, if there is no objection, the Advisory Committee of the Imperial Institute may be asked to give further consideration to the question of the advisability of introducing the Madagascar race of silk worm into Madras and Mysore in the light of the remarks made by Mr. Lefroy in Chapter III of his report.

I have, etc.,
Sd. R.A.Mant,
Secretary to the Government of India.

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"REGISTRAR"

G. R. S. VI—G/32]

SUBJECT Silk Production in India

Diary No. of letter replied to 1566

Section A & E.
File No. 107-17
Serial No. 9

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
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No. 2279/E.

Date of issue 7-9-18.

Signed by

To

The Supdt. of Seri

Sir

~~Adverting to the subject of Memorandum on Silk Production in India~~, I am directed to forward herewith for your information copies of :(1) Letter No. R&S. 1840/18 dated 28. 5. 18 from The Secy, Rev & Statistics Deptt. India Office, with enclosures and (2) Letter No 214-C

In continuation my letter No. D.O. 9989 d/ 8.4.18

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d. 7. 2. 18 from the Secy to the Govt. of India in the Deptt. of Rev & Agrl to the Secy, Rev & Statistics Deptt, India Office

~~For perusal & recording.~~

I have etc.

for Secy E&A

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30/8/18.

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